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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/NIPE

SUBJECT : NIPE Intervention in GMAIC Matters

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-33.6/19, dated 29 October 1969
revised 4 November 1969

b. USIB-D-33.1/61, dated 29 October 1969

c. DCI Memorandum, Subject: Responsibilities
Pertaining to Chairman and CIA Members of
USIB Committees, dated 22 September 1969

1. References (a) and (b) were submitted to the USIB by GMAIC, and were subsequently withdrawn through the intervention of NIPE. The memoranda were both revisions of earlier GMAIC papers submitted to USIB and approved by that body, and concerned space SIGINT collection requirements and ABM collection requirements respectively.

2. I question NIPE's authority in intervening in this manner. I am mindful of the fact that reference (c) gives NIPE certain staff responsibilities for policy guidance and coordination of all USIB committees. However, in the case of reference (a), coordination had been effected with the SIGINT committee prior to submission to USIB, and reference (b) clearly required no coordination with any other committee of the USIB. Furthermore, the objections made by NIPE to both documents were based on substantive and not policy matters.

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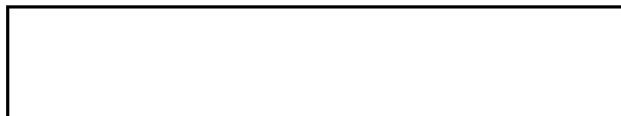
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3. I regard NIPE's action as a contravention of specific responsibilities assigned to GMAIC by DCID 3/4, two of which are reproduced below:

"To recommend guided missile and astronautics intelligence objectives within the over-all national intelligence objectives, establish relative priorities on substantive needs, review the scope and effectiveness of collection and production efforts to meet these objectives and make the necessary substantive recommendations to the departments and agencies concerned."

"To determine the deficiencies in guided missile and astronautics intelligence, to take appropriate remedial actions, and to recommend to the Intelligence Board remedial actions beyond the cognizance of the GMAIC."

4. It is therefore requested that NIPE withdraw its objections to references (a) and (b) and that they be re-submitted to the USIB.



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